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Applicant: Fount *et al.* Examiner: Wortman, D.  
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For: PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF HCV INFECTION EMPLOYING  
ANTIBODIES DIRECTED AGAINST CONFORMATIONAL EPITOPES

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136**

A two (2) month extension of time from, February 18, 2004, up to and including April 18, 2004, is requested to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed November 18, 2003. In view of the fact that April 18, 2004, fell on a Sunday, this response is timely filed.

Please charge the fee for a two (2) month extension of time and any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

Respectfully submitted,

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